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Stephanie Vaughn
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Via Electronic Mail

**Re: Notice of Force Majeure – Hurricane Sandy
CWCM Event 5 and Background/Reference Sediment Sampling
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) -
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2007-2009**

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) to provide notice in accordance with Section XVII of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) that a Force Majeure event existed due to the significant power outages and the states of emergency that existed in several states in the Northeast from October 29 until last week.

You and I agreed in an email exchange on November 5 to postpone the sample collection scheduled for the week of November 5 as follows:

- CWCM Event 5 – Rescheduled until early December; start date to be determined.
- Background/Reference Sediment Sampling - will begin the week of November 12.

The CPG appreciates the EPA's cooperation and understanding as we work through this situation.

Please contact William Hyatt or me if you require further information.

Very truly yours,
de maximis, inc.

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CPG Project Coordinator

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